

**SUMMARY REPORT
MARCH 10, 2009, WORK SESSION**

This summary is a statement of discussions engaged in by the Cottonwood City Council at a work session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02(D), and is being provided as required by A.R.S. § 38-431.01(D.).

Council Members Present: Mayor Diane Joens, Vice Mayor Karen Pfeifer, Council Members James Chapman, Tim Elinski, Duane Kirby, Linda Norman, Terence Pratt.

Mayor Joens called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF:

PRESENTATION BY LETTIE IRONS CONNELL, LOCAL COORDINATOR OF THE "WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA" PROGRAM

The Council heard a presentation by Ms. Lettie Irons Connell who discussed the Northern Arizona American Legion Riders project of Wreaths Across America for the Prescott National Cemetery. She asked the city and individuals for donations which would be allocated equally to Wreaths Across America, American Legion Riders, and American Legacy Scholarship.

PRELIMINARY DESIGN CONCEPT FOR THE STREET IMPROVEMENTS ON SOUTH 12TH STREET FROM MINGUS AVENUE TO BIRCH STREET

The Council was given a PowerPoint presentation by the engineering firm SEC regarding neighborhood issues and design constraints affecting street improvements to 12th Street between Mingus Avenue and Birch Street. Direction was given to complete the project with two sidewalks with gutters, one 5 feet wide, the other 4 feet wide, to calm traffic flow with center islands at intersections, and reinforce the sidewalks where driveways intersected, all if the budget allowed.

GOAL SETTING FOR THE CITY'S 2009-2010 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

The Finance Director reviewed a PowerPoint presentation of budget projections for the next fiscal year, 2009-2010, to enable the setting of priorities during a period of lowered revenue, but during a period when the fire department was expanding and the recreation center would be completed. Over 60 percent of General Revenue funds were derived from sales tax receipts which were down 8.9 percent from the previous fiscal year. All state shared revenue was reduced by an even greater amount, as were vehicle sales taxes. Staff recommended maintaining a minimum of 60 day reserve coverage for the most serious of emergencies, but not increasing the \$1 million Capital Accumulation Fund at this time. With reduced revenue the goal was for the City to maintain its fiscal integrity, comply with all bond covenants, maintain current levels of service, expand the fire department, open the recreation center on schedule and continue with as many major construction projects as possible. Staffing was to be maintained to enable the continuation of current service levels,

but no increase of benefits was contemplated. If the economic situation did not improve additional reductions in programs, projects, and/or staff may have to be considered.

ADJOURNMENT

The work session adjourned at 8:45 p.m.